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For instance, if you have researched the history of your house, or have some old family photos linked to East Hanningfield, I am sure there are lots of people who would like to see them.

Lastly, does anyone recognise this man? He is the only person not identified in the photograph of the committee who organised the village Jubilee celebrations in 1935. You can see the original photograph in the first floor meeting room in the Village Hall, or you can find it on the E. H. Archive website.



## PARISH COUNCIL

**The Tye Path:** The resurfacing of the footpath along The Tye has now been completed. Hopefully by the time you read this report the ground level will have been raised up to the new footpath level and the damage to the grass repaired. Grass seeding will take place in April and The Tye should be back to normal by the summer.

The path is a great improvement for pushchairs, wheelchairs and couples walking together.

We are now reviewing quotations to continue the new wider foot path, south, past The Old Forge. This will link up with road to Rettendon Road and across to Old Church Road. Hopefully this will be completed before the year end.

The Parish Council would like to extend the path, north, to link with Bicknacre Road. This would avoid residents having to cut through the Vita Bell car park but this requires discussions about rights of way and land ownership.

**Village Sign:** Our plan to install a Village Sign was mentioned in the last newsletter. The sign has now been ordered and hopefully we can instal it in on The Tye before the grass seeding mentioned earlier. The sign will be located on the widest part of The Tye between Rough Hill House and The Limes. This is a central location providing both a focal point for the Village and clearly visible to people passing though.

**The Folly Bistro (previously the Windmill):** The Three Compasses in West Hanningfield has recently closed. West Hanningfield Parish Council and residents are attempting to have it declared an Asset of Community Value then potentially raising sufficient funds to purchase the property and reopen.

There are successful examples of this. A recent local example is the Chequers Inn in Roxwell. The Village, aided by a £250,000 government grant and local fundraising have purchased the pub, made significant improvements and are about to recruit a landlord to run it.

The landlords of the Folly Bistro, which has been closed for several years, have announced that it will open in spring. We hope it will return to being a popular and successful country pub and restaurant under private ownership.

But we cannot predict the future so it makes sense to start now in applying to have the Folly Bistro listed an Asset of Community Value and not wait until it is too late. We will start the process later this year.

The listing is only of benefit if the business is closed or put up for sale.

In this case the listing gives the community six months to complete a business case and potentially raise the funds to purchase the property at the market price. There is no obligation for the Village to make any offer and there is no obligation for the owner to accept. **But it does buy 6 months time to think and act.** West Hanningfield did not have this 6 months.

**Housing Development:** I wrote in last Autumn's newsletter of the already ambitious new annual home targets of Chelmsford City and the new government's plans to increase the targets even higher.

This will necessitate a change to Chelmsford's Local plan which lays out the medium term development targets and locations. I forecast in the Autumn that the most likely outcome was not a major change to the plan but rather a speedier implementation. More homes, sooner, but in same location.

Two relatively small estates were proposed for East Hanningfield. One adjacent to Highfields Mead and one adjacent to Abbey Fields.

It seems my forecast is already happening as the first stage of the consultation program for the Highfields Mead site has already been announced.

The Parish Council will review these as they progress and comment as necessary to the planning activity to try and minimise the impact on the Village.

**Annual Precept:** This is the time of year when we set next year's budget or precept for the Parish Council. This year the PC has agreed an increase of slightly less than 3%. This compares to Chelmsford City's increase of 5%.

Our total precept for the year will be approximately £43,000 or about £80 per home.

To put this in perspective this almost the same as the cost of The Tye path. The Tye path was paid for partly by community funds received from the new homes built on the Moorlands Industrial estate and partly reserves saved from previous years.

**Village Tidy/Litter Picking:** The annual Village Tidy will be held on Saturday 5 April. Please go to the Village Hall Car Park at 9.30am to collect your picking tongs and bags.

Please volunteer: many hands make light work. The litter picking does make a massive difference. There is no one else that will do it.

It is a very rewarding but can be a frustrating task. At the end you are really pleased with your work. Next day the pristine verges have freshly discarded cans or bottles. All you can do is console yourself with how bad it would have looked if all those black bags of litter, collected over the years, were still there.

A highly visible litter picking effort does help in advertising what an antisocial activity dropping litter is.





**Annual Village Meeting:** The Annual Village Meeting will be on Tuesday May 6 at 6.45 pm in the Village Hall.

There you will meet your Parish Councillors and hopefully also councillors from Chelmsford City and Essex County.

The PC will report on our achievements in last year and our hopes for the next. There will also be reports from other village organisations including Hannas Field Charity.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers or more informal conversations over a cup of tea or coffee.

Malcolm Thomas, Chair

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## **CITY & COUNTY COUNCILS—SUE DOBSON**

First of all, many thanks to all those who voted for me as Essex County Councillor back in December and enabled me to continue Ian Grundy's good work. I am now settling in and taking time to find out how I can get things done. Because Ian was unwell for some time, I am aware that there may be several things outstanding, and I am now going through past records to try and pick up on those. Please bear with me whilst I do this – although if there is something urgent do let me know and I'll look into it. This role, coupled with my City Councillor role, means that whatever the query, I should be able to look into it whether it is a City issue or a County issue.

It appears that I have become an ECC Councillor at an historic time in that no doubt most residents are aware of this Government's desire to completely reorganise Local Government and do away with the present three-tier system – County, District/Borough and Parish and form Essex into perhaps 4 combined authorities with an elected Mayor for Essex. ECC have responded positively to it on the basis that as the Government intends to do this, it was felt better to be involved right from the start so we can have the opportunity to do what is best for the county rather than have it imposed on us at a later date.

At the time of writing, we have just heard that our expression of interest has been accepted by the Government and work is already under way to prepare our plans. It is likely that a Mayor will be elected in May 2026 with 'shadow' authorities being formed and elected in 2027. We have also had confirmation that the ECC elections due in May this year will be postponed for one year until May 2026. I will update residents as and when I have any further information.

Meanwhile, business carries on as usual and on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am ECC will hold a Full Council meeting where the final budget will be presented and the Council Tax figures established. Similarly, Chelmsford will approve its final budget for the forthcoming year at its Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. Residents are welcome to attend both meetings and both will be available to view on Youtube via the respective websites.

Highways issues still dominate the enquiries I receive and if there is an

issue, do please email me and I will see what I can get done as a priority – I can't promise to do everything but I will certainly try my best! An important issue at the moment within the City area is the Local Plan Review consultation, and this commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> February and will run for six weeks until 4pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This is the final draft of the Plan before it is submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector. The Council adopted its Local Plan in May 2020 and the Plan needs to be reviewed every 5 years to make sure it remains up to date and meets the changing needs for development growth to 2041. Residents are encouraged to respond; details are on the website and these include FAQ's, a newsletter, a PDF of the exhibition boards and details of face-to-face and staffed exhibitions. The web page is [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review)

Remember also that if you would like to continue receiving collections of garden waste (brown bins) after 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 you need to subscribe to the service now which will cost £60 per annum for one bin and £30 per annum for a second one. Subscribe at

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk) under the tab 'garden waste collections'.

I am aiming to get round to see all of the parish councils as soon as I can and hopefully attend the Annual Parish Meetings where time allows as this gives all residents the opportunity to ask me to look into issues for them.

In the meantime, if any resident has an issue they would like me to look into, please either email me on [cllr.sue.dobson@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sue.dobson@essex.gov.uk) for ECC enquiries or [sue.dobson@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:sue.dobson@chelmsford.gov.uk) for Chelmsford City enquiries – or if you're not sure, select one and I'll pick it up anyway!

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY– Village Hall & Playing fields

Hi folks. Already 2 months into the new year. I hope so far it has been a good one for you.

Hanna's Field Charity continues to maintain and improve the Hall and fields for the whole village to enjoy. There has been a lot of unseen activity on various health safety measures in the hall and on keeping the field in condition.

Outside, the carpark mound has been coppiced, a regular necessity, to ensure healthy, manageable trees and shrubs. The field hedges and Chase hedge have been cut back and the ditch will be cleaned out at Easter. David Bell has been busy making and installing new picnic benches for you all to enjoy in better weather.

There are a host of different groups in the Hall. These range from short mat bowls, Tae Kwan-Do, Badminton, Pickleball, Pilates and Yoga. Plus Preschool, WI and Football. Details on noticeboards and the website.

We are delighted to have a new hirer group (S.E.N.) on Sunday mornings. This has meant a considerable crush of cars on some Sundays when it coincides with football matches. Both hirers have been extremely positive about finding solutions. If folks can double up on transport that would be most appreciated.

We have an ongoing problem with rambler groups that park, ramble off without any consideration for regular legitimate car park users. The result is havoc at school collection time, or when people try to access the shop. We are trying to find an acceptable way forward with ramblers by offering car parking/toilets for a small fee and at limited times. The car park is essentially a resource for Hall, Shop and School users. Ramblers wanting to park must first please contact us through the Hall booking secretary to discuss.

In December our litter hero, Chris Evans, had a serious accident. Result was that he has been unable to do his weekly litter pick/bin emptying. We did managed to find a little cover for this unexpected shortfall. Facebook comments and photos about bins needing to be emptied are not particularly helpful. The belief that the village elves, by magic, make things happen and problems disappear, without any work from anyone, is unfortunately an illusion. HFC are just a tiny group of unpaid villagers trying to improve things for the village. Contributing some actual effort, rather than comments, would be so much more constructive



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(see Parish Council re. April Litter pick). On the subject of rubbish, it is obvious that bins generally around the village are being used inappropriately. They are for the odd crisp packet or chocolate wrapper whilst out and about. Not for the overspill from black bins to take up all the available limited space. Please think of others!

We remain ever hopeful that some of you will come forward to be part of a 'think tank' for developing the play area. The equipment for play and safety surfacing is extremely expensive. Nothing can move forward without an interested group of people trying to find the best scheme and to help with fundraising. Thank you to the couple of people who have shown some interest and we hope to be able to get back to you with some sort of plan when a few more people show interest. It is all in your hands. HFC cannot do this on its own.

One of our regular fund raisers is a Saturday morning Book Sale in the upstairs meeting room. We have hundreds of books, all at drop dead prices, and it is also a chance to eat home made cake with a drink. Come and have a chat with your neighbours. Next **Book Sale is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00am to 12.30**. Look out for signs. Another date for your diary is **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fete**. Please see the Fete article in this Newsletter and contact details-volunteers needed!

It is timely to remind you again that a small group of volunteers manage the hall and field for your benefit. They are sorely pressed to continue to do so especially as they grow old at the job and disillusioned with such a lack of general support. It would be a shame if the hall and field could not continue due to general apathy and criticism. After all this asset could become a housing estate!! It is the **Annual General Meeting** for Hanna's Field Charity on Tuesday **29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the upstairs meeting room. Refreshments provided. There is a stairlift access. It is your chance to share your ideas, ask questions and get involved. If you want to know more then please come or contact me with your thoughts.

**To book the Village Hall/sports facilities or to check availability, please go to the Village Hall website at the above address and click on 'Make a Booking' or email [hannasfield@outlook.com](mailto:hannasfield@outlook.com). Alternatively call the Booking Secretary on 01245 400965 (before 8pm) and leave a message.**



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## EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Local Crime News:** You just can't leave anything around these days it seems. Thieves stole a dumper truck loaded with 30 concrete curb edging from the contractors working on our new path along The Tye overnight on Thursday 9 January. Fortunately, it was recovered from Stock the following day (the advantage of a tracker having been fitted).

**Fly Tipping again:** Essex district councils have joined together to support a new Essex County Council campaign to tackle fly tipping aptly called SCRAP.



It comes as incidents of fly tipping continue almost monthly around the village. The most recent was a double mattress left in a ditch in Back Lane sometime during the first week of February. In 2024 Chelmsford City Council received 2,024 reports of fly tipping across the district so it's a county wide problem. Around 60% of fly-tips were household waste.

Unfortunately, illegal waste operators target everyone from householders to big businesses, with offers of cheap waste disposal. But legally, **YOUR waste is YOUR responsibility** regardless of who you get to



take it away it. So next time you have something to get rid of, that can't be reused/recycled, remember to follow the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- **SUSPECT all waste carriers**
- **CHECK if they are registered before selecting one**
- **REFUSE suspicious offers**
- **ASK what will happen next**
- **PAPERWORK is YOUR proof**

The campaign will provide information on what fly tipping is, what the impacts are, and how to dispose of household waste responsibly. Since 2005 householders have been required by law to check that anyone removing waste from their property is authorised to do so with the correct waste carrier licence. All waste carriers are registered through the Environment Agency. If using a waste carrier, ask if they are registered and make a note of their waste carrier number. If they are not registered, refuse their service. You can check to see if a waste carrier is legally licensed through the Environment Agency's Website [Environment Agency's website](#). telephone the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 and request an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check.

A waste carrier registration is normally needed for the following categories:

- all building and allied trades
- landscape gardeners, tree fellers and surgeons
- house clearers
- retail establishments
- scrap metal dealers.

Here are some tips to follow: Check where the carrier is proposing to take your waste and record the registration number of vehicle removing waste. Pay by cheque, card or bank transfer as payments can be traced if the waste is fly tipped. If they insist on cash refuse their service. Request a waste transfer note and a receipt for their service and keep it as proof to cover yourself against a fine in case materials end up fly tipped.

**When & how to contact the Police:** If you did not receive one with your last E.H. News, you might find a yellow card to keep, which has

useful Police contact information (we didn't have enough to supply a card to every household with the December E.H.News magazine!). The police contacts on the card are unchanged: Use the digital 101 service it to contact the local policing team about something you have seen or heard, or request information. A Live Chat service is available to send messages direct to a digital 101 operator. A 24-hour 101 call service is still there if you need to speak to someone or don't have internet access.

**Always call 999** if a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed, if someone is in immediate danger or harm, if property is in danger of being damaged, or if a serious disruption to the public is likely.

**East Hanningfield NhW and Email Alerts:** Some people may remember in the last Newsmagazine that I said with other personal and village hall commitments I had been unable to keep up with this role and it had become necessary for me to ask if there is anyone else in the village interested in helping with this? Contact me as shown below if you are and I will happily explain more.



Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-Ordinator.

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## E.H. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

The CSW volunteers continue with regular 30 mph CSW checks in the village (at police approved sites in Old Church Road, The Tye, Bicknacre Road and the Common). Speeding is the main cause of road accidents/fatalities but it's also antisocial. Collisions, deaths and injuries caused by driving too fast are largely avoidable if speed limits are complied with, so we are doing our best to make that happen.



Our local roads are set to become still busier with increasing through traffic as a result of housing developments at South Woodham and the business area north of Howe Green and A12 etc..

Over the last 9 months CSW have logged additional vehicle/speed data as part of the regular speed watch records (number of vehicles and percentage exceeding the 30mph limit). This covered 14 sets of village speed checks across the 5 approved locations in the village and with 3 speed checks completed at each location providing a reasonable view of where speeding is worst.

The survey results and conclusions have been provided to Parish Council as part of understanding the bigger picture for speeding in the village and effectiveness of traffic calming on some roads. Comments from residents during CSW tends to the view that overall there is too much speeding through the village (most people are pleased there are checks). Some voiced a concern about volume of traffic along the Tye and the difficulty of crossing the Tye at the pinch point at the end of the Village Hall Chase, especially at school start/finish times.



**CSW Volunteers:** We are always looking out for few more volunteers to join us and share the load. A short training session, bright yellow jacket and insurance come free with the job!

Contact us through the NhW email address if interested.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-Ordinator.

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# EAST HANNINGFIELD DIARY

MARCH                   

Sun 2 9am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** with Rev Jacqui King at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 4 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Thu 6 **WORLD BOOK DAY!**

Sun 9 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with healing theme with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 11 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

 1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall Car Park


Sun 16 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Jacqui King. Refreshments afterwards at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 18 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Sun 23 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Gil Gordon & Phil Harverson to preach at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 25 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**



Wed 26 8-9.45pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

Sun 30 10am **MOTHERING SUNDAY** service with Melissa Clark. Posies for mothers, grandmothers and carers, at All Saints' Church.  
 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church





**Pull me out and pin me up!**

# APRIL

- Tue 1 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE**  
 1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall Car Park
- Fri 4 **BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY EHPC & Sandon School (SS finishes at 12.45)**
- Sat 5 9.30am **VILLAGE TIDY/LITTER PICK** Meet at the Village Hall car park for pickers, sacks & hi-vis vests.
- Sun 6 9am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** with Rev. Jacqui King at All Saints' Church  
 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 8 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Sun 13 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with healing theme with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church  
 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 15 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE**
- Fri 18 10.30am **GOOD FRIDAY**-Reflexion on the Crucifixion, Bethel Ch  
 12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY** Service of Reflection - Readings & Prayers - Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church
- Sun 20 10am **EASTER DAY** Holy Communion with Rev. Jacqui King. Refreshments afterwards at All Saints' Church  
 10.45am **EASTER DAY**-Celebrating the Resurrection, Bethel Ch
- Mon 21 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 22 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & Sandon School**  
**BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
 1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall Car Park
- Sun 27 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Ch.  
 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 29 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE**  
 7.30pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, followed by the first General Meeting, in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Wed 30 8-9.45pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall.



# MAY

- Sat 3 10am-12.30pm **PRELOVED BOOK SALE** in the first-floor meeting room and loft at the Village Hall. Tea, coffee and cake available.
-  Sun 4 9am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** with Rev. Jacqui King at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 5 **EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY – No School**
- Tue 6 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
6.45pm **ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**. Otherwise known as the Electors' Meeting or the Parish Meeting. First floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sat 10 12-2pm **VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 11 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with healing theme with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 13 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
 1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall Car Park
- Sun 18 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Jacqui King. Refreshments afterwards at All Saints' Church. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow in the church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 20 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Fri 23 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM EHPS & Sandon School**
- Sun 25 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 27 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 28 8-9.45pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.



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**EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5 MAY**

**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26 MAY**



# VILLAGE FETE 2025

Please keep this date in your diary for the Village Fete

**Saturday 5 July Midday to 4pm**

The Fete organising group are working hard to make the Fete 2025 a great family event for the village, and hoping for sunshine this year!

There will be stalls, rides, entertainment, activities, a band, food, ice cream, bar, face painting and a fun dog show (weather permitting).

The Fete will continue to raise money for the Village Hall (Hanna's Field Charity) and All Saints Church.

Volunteers are an essential element of the Fete, both in advance and particularly on the day, if you would like to volunteer please make contact via the details below.

The village is fortunate to have incredible support from many local businesses who are providing sponsorship and Grand Draw prizes. This support enables the Fete to go ahead and be a success.

If you would like to sponsor a stall or offer a prize for the Grand Draw please make contact via the details below.

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The Fete Group have reviewed whether to arrange a Firework/Halloween event and have decided not to go ahead this year.

It is challenging to put on and volunteers are understandably difficult to find for an event in the dark and potentially the rain. The Fete Group are looking for other fund raising ideas during the year.

Any queries or volunteers please contact

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# NINETY YEARS AGO

## REPORTS ABOUT THE 1935 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

If you have seen the photograph in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, which shows the members of the Committee who organised the celebrations for the Jubilee of King George V and Queen May, you might have



wondered what form those celebrations took. Well, continue reading!

You might notice that most of the names of parishioners attending the Annual Meeting of the Vestry also appear in the list of those in the photograph.

## CHELMSFORD CHRONICLE 26 APRIL 1935

### EAST HANNINGFIELD SILVER JUBILEE

On May 6<sup>th</sup> the service in St. Paul's Cathedral will be heard in the Parish Church by means of wireless.

The Annual Meeting of the vestry and Church Council was held in the Rectory Room on Tuesday, the Rector, Canon Ost, presiding. Appointments made:- Rector's warden, Mr. F. Linnett; deputy, Mr. T. Rayner; people's warden, Mr. James Cox, deputy, Mr. A. Holden; sidesmen, Messrs. T. Rayner, D. Ost, C. Strowger, Sayers and G. Amos; Parochial Church Council, the wardens, sidesmen, Mr. Ost, Mrs. Hamlet, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Strowger, Mrs. Linnett, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Holden and Mr. J. Tucker; Ruridecanal Conference, Messrs. T. Rayner, F. Linnett and Holden.

## CHELMSFORD CHRONICLE FRIDAY 10 MAY 1935

### EAST HANNINGFIELD

The village was en Fete. After a short service conducted by the Rector (Canon Ost) a move was made to the sports field, where a good programme was gone through, including races for children and adults. A

tug of war between members of the British Legion and the Village Youths was a great attraction. A splendid tea was provided for everyone. The children were presented with fancy caps and balloons, and they then paraded for judging, presenting a pretty spectacle. After the sports they each received a souvenir booklet and a Caddy spoon emblazoned with a portrait of the King and Queen in colours. There were later a bonfire and fireworks and then dancing in the Institute Hall. All the older people were given tea or tobacco. The committees made the day a huge success. The following telegram was sent to their Majesties: "The head mistress, staff and scholars of East Hanningfield Rural School, Chelmsford, send hearty congratulations and loyal greetings to their Majesties King George and Queen Mary on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee." The following reply was received from the King: "The King and Queen warmly thank all at East Hanningfield Rural School for their kind Jubilee greetings."

## **CHELMSFORD CHRONICLE FRIDAY 17 MAY 1935**

### **EAST HANNINGFIELD**

A CONCERT in the W.I. Hall on Tuesday was arranged by Canon Ost in aid of the hospital. An excellent programme was given by the Magnet Concert Party.

INFANTS WELFARE CENTRE. A Jubilee tea took place on Wednesday in the W.I. Hall, 51 children being present. Each received a Jubilee beaker and chocolate. Recitations by Mrs. Howard were heartily applauded.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.- Mrs. Castle presided. Miss Aust, from the County Agricultural College, gave an instructive demonstration on jam and jelly making. The entertainment arranged by Mrs. N. Rayner and Mrs. Tucker, was given by members of the Great Baddow W.I., who admirably performed a sketch. Mrs. Hawkes won the cup competition.

Editor's note: Does anyone have one of the caddy spoons or beakers given to the children? Please send a photo if you have.

The above information appears on the East Hanningfield Archive website along with much more. Do take a look, and if you have any photos you are happy to share, please send them to the Editor. If you can't digitise them, please lend the originals so they can be scanned.





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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH—A Time for Everything

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*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,  
and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

The song and the Bible scripture tell of the things we experience at different times and seasons in life. There are times when we break down and cry, but there are times when we laugh. These are times that we may wish to forget or remove from our minds and times we treasure forever. Painful times and then times that heal our pain. Times we loathe and times we love. Each of our lives has unique experiences; as has been the case throughout each generation, there have been contrasting highs and lows as the world turns and the seasons change.



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Whatever you are experiencing or anticipate for this coming season, is time with God part of your summertime? Could it be time to explore something new rather than walk or drive past the church? Is it time to come in and enjoy the peace and tranquillity our beautiful building offers? Do you have time to give to help the church flourish and thrive, or have you already spent time reflecting on your beliefs and have questions or things you'd like to discuss?

Is it time in this new season to explore your faith and your questions about whether there is a God and if what Christians believe is true? Perhaps you could make time to come and meet me this Easter Sunday to find out a bit more about your parish church and discover how times have changed.

May God bless you this summertime,  
Jacqui

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## **BETHEL CHURCH—Victory Celebrations**

There are two events coming up that we would like to share with you.

**VE DAY:** it is the 80-year anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. What wonderful news it must have been for those who lived through the war years.

So, to honour this occasion, we are having a celebratory tea party with light refreshments, tea, coffee and soft drinks – whilst listening to some old war-time classics.

*VE Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945; it marked the official end of World War II in Europe in the Eastern Front, with the last known shots fired on 11 May.*

Please join us on **Saturday 10 May at 12.00pm to 2.00pm**. We would love to see you here.



**EASTER:** An even greater victory happened over 2,000 years ago and is still the greatest news we will ever hear.

This was a war we could not fight and certainly couldn't win. Because it was the battle over sin and death, that only God himself in the person of Jesus Christ could win. And through his death on a cross and his victorious rise from the grave, he conquered sin and death for all those who believe.

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)*

We therefore can share in that victory. That is the story of that first easter.

Easter falls this year with **Good Friday on 18 April, and Easter Sunday on 20 April.**

Please come and join us as we reflect on the Lord's crucifixion at 10.30am on Friday.

And join us in triumphal celebration of his resurrection from the dead at 10.45am on Sunday.

Also, if you would like to know more about the Christian faith, we hold a course called 'Christianity Explored'. There are 6 sessions, set over 6-weeks, where people can come and listen and discuss the key points of the faith, like, who is Jesus, and what was the reason that he came?

Please get in touch if you would like to know more and join us on the next course. Or how about joining us one Sunday. We meet every Sunday at 10:45am.



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# EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have enjoyed another busy and successful term at East Hanningfield. The children and adults all returned from the Christmas break refreshed, eager and excited about the term ahead!

Our youngest two classes, Robins and Doves, have been the first to perform for their adults; both classes did a wonderful job in their assemblies, celebrating the breadth of their learning. The children were confident, articulate and presented their learning so well. We were all very proud of the children. We are eagerly looking forward to Kingfisher and Owl class assemblies in March.



The Year 4 children from Kingfisher Class represented the school in the 'Year 4 Superstars' event, run by Chelmsford School Sport Partnership, at Melbourne Park. They competed in a variety of events from speed stacking and riding scooters to basketball and javelin throwing. The staff were so proud of how hard the children tried in every event and how supportive they were of one another. They came away with third place! We are really proud of their achievement and for showing such great support to each another.





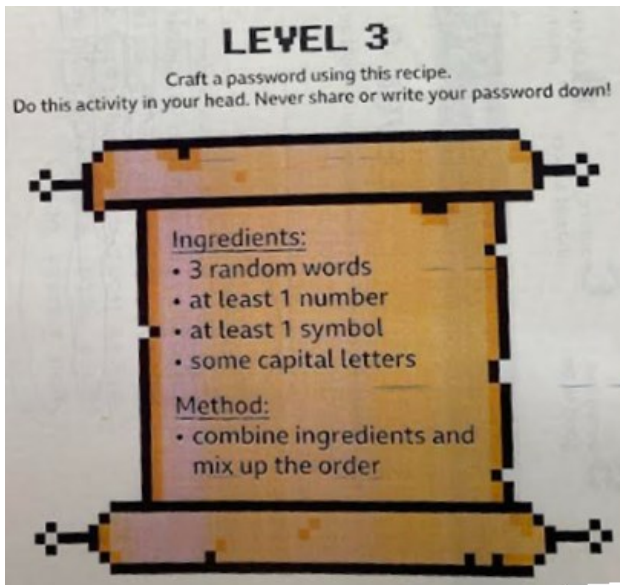
The week commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> February was Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was 'Know yourself, grow yourself'. The children thought about what things make them

unique, what their hobbies are, what things make them laugh and reasons to be proud of themselves. During this week, the children enjoyed taking part in many different activities to support their wellbeing, these included: a 'walk and talk' where they spent time with a buddy in a younger or older class; reading different stories about emotions; completing yoga and mindfulness art as well as fun activities such



as 'secret smiles' and 'positivity pot'.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'! Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. The theme this year was "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online."



Children were taught how to do this in an age appropriate way and took part in a range of activities to develop their understanding.

Our oldest children, in Owl Class, took part in an exciting BBC Scamsmashers Live lesson, where they learned how to spot the signs of scam. By the end of the day, the children were more scam-aware and confident about protecting themselves online. Staying safe on the internet is something we can all work on together!



We are now starting to look forward to the weather warming up so that we can begin to swim in our pool and enjoy playing on our field.

Best wishes for the summer.  
Mrs Stainsbury (Head of School)



# News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

A warm welcome from all at East Hanningfield Preschool.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you, to all parents, grandparents and carers, and the local community for supporting our fundraising efforts in December. We raised a fantastic £450.00 from raffle ticket sales, and Christmas show tickets. Thank you so much. We would Also like to send congratulations to our amazing children in their wonderful performances in their Christmas show. We are so proud of each one of them. With the money raised at Christmas, we are looking to purchase some new educational math's toys for the children, and creating a sensory garden in our outdoor area. Watch this space.

This term we have been looking at weather, and all the different kinds. We have also been discussing about seasons, and what types of weather we see during each season.

## Dates for your Diary



World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day shop open  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day  
Easter Half Term 7<sup>th</sup> April until 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Summer Term Starts 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

We still have places available for 2-4-year-old children, please come down and visit us for a play date.

Also, eligible working parents will be able to claim 15 hours childcare support once their child turns 2 years old. Please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to apply.

Could we ask you to sign up to Easy Fundraising? Every time you shop you can raise vital funds for our preschool, all you have to do is sign up, once registered any purchases made through the app or website, the companies will donate money to the preschool. Please find Link below: or alternatively download the app on your smart phone.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/east-hanningfield-preschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/east-hanningfield-preschool/)

We are also selling bingo numbers each month: £1 each per number, each number sold will be put into a bingo pot to be picked out at random, the winning number will receive half the money raised, the rest will go to preschool. Please pop in and grab a number.

If you might be interested in your child joining us and would like to come for a visit, please contact us on 07732 951613 or email us at [ehps1@live.co.uk](mailto:ehps1@live.co.uk). We also have a website, [www.easthanningfieldpreschool.com](http://www.easthanningfieldpreschool.com). We take 2 year old funding as well as 3-4-year funding.

Kerry

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